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SUBJ: MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

1. DURING A JULY 12 CALL ON YAHYA MAROOFI, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT, BECAUSE OF THE IMPENDING JESHYN HOLIDAYS (JULY 17-19), THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (INCC) WOULD BEST BE POSTPONED UNTIL JULY 27. MAROOFI ADDED THAT A PROPOSED AGENDA IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED WITHIN THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA), AND THAT, UPON APPROVAL, IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US AND THE UNDP REPRESENTATIVES. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE JULY 27, MEETING WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC HEALTH, JUSTICE, INTERIOR, AND WATER AND POWER.

2. WHEN EMBOFF MENTIONED THAT, IN OUR ASSESSMENT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF MR. MICHAEL DEMETRE WERE PRESENT FOR THIS MEETING, MAROOFI RESPONDED THAT

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IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT DEMETRE'S MANDATE -- BASED ON UNSPECIFIED PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS BETWEEN UNFDAC AND THE GOA -- WAS LIMITED TO BADAKHSHAN PROVINCE IN SOME SORT OF FOLLOW-UP ROLE TO THE FINNCONSULT REPORT, AND THAT ANY WORK ON PROJECTS IN NANGARHAR OR OTHER PROVINCES WAS, IN EFFECT, OFF-LIMITS. MAROOFI WOULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC CON-

CERNING HIS VIEWS OF DEMETRE'S FUTURE RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. DURING A CALL THE SAME DAY ON UNDP RESREP ROBERT A. BORTHWICK, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SAMAD GHASUS HAD TOLD BORTHWICK THAT GHASUS WOULD DEFINITELY NOT RPT NOT CHAIR OR ATTEND THE INITIAL MEETING OF THE INCC. GHASUS REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED TO BORTHWICK THAT THIS FIRST SESSION WAS TO BE MERELY A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF IDEAS AND ISSUES, AND THAT IT WAS TO FOCUS STRICTLY ON THE NARCOTICS PROBLEMS OF THE HELMAND VALLEY. REGARDING THE ROLE OF DEMETRE, BORTHWICK ADDED THAT HE TOO HAD BEEN TOLD BY MAROOFI THAT DEMETRE'S MANDATE WAS LIMITED IN THE ABOVE MANNER. BORTHWICK SAID THAT HE WOULD BE INFORMING UNFDAC (THROUGH HIS OWN CHANNELS) OF THE CHANGE OF DATES FOR THE INCC MEETING.

4. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, MAROOFI'S REMARKS REGARDING THE LIMITATION OF DEMETRE'S ROLE HERE MAKE IT ALL THE MORE DESIRABLE THAT DEMETRE BE ON HAND FOR THIS FIRST MEETING IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH MORE FIRMLY THE PARAMETERS OF HIS FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN.  
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